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In re Application of

Gen KUMAMOTO

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CALCULATION PROGRAM AND EQUIPMENT COST ESTIMATE

CALCULATION SYSTEM

(AS AMENDED)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the subject application as follows.

Amendments to the Title begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the <u>Listing of Claims</u>, which begins on page 6 of this paper. Claims 1-20 are pending, with claim 1, 9, 10 and 11 being the only independent claims.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.